

TRANSPORTATION COSTS AND TRAVEL EXPENSES INCURRED 105
BY MEMBERS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE SENATE WHEN EN-
GAGED IN AUTHORIZED FOREIGN TRAVEL

Resolved, That until otherwise provided by law or resolution of the Senate, the contingent fund of the Senate is made available, as provided in this resolution, to defray the costs of transportation and the ordinary and necessary travel expenses of Members and employees of the Senate when engaged in authorized foreign travel. The Secretary of the Senate is authorized to advance funds, under authority of this resolution, in the same manner provided for committees of the Senate under the authority of Public Law 118, Eighty-first Congress, approved June 22, 1949.

SEC. 2. (a) Transportation costs and ordinary and necessary travel expenses incurred by a Member or employee engaged in authorized foreign travel shall be paid upon certification of such Member or employee, and upon vouchers approved by the Senator who authorized such foreign travel.

(b) Transportation costs and ordinary and necessary travel expenses which are incurred for a group of Members or employees engaged in authorized foreign travel shall be paid upon certification of the Member who is chairman of such group (or, if no chairman has been designated, upon certification of the ranking Member of such group) or, if the group does not include a Member, upon certification of the senior employee in such group, and upon vouchers approved by the Senator who authorized such foreign travel.

(c) The reports of the Secretary of the Senate setting forth amounts paid from the contingent fund under authority of this resolution shall, at the request of the chairman of the Select Committee on Intelligence, omit any matter which would identify the foreign countries in which Members and employees of the Select Committee traveled on behalf of the Select Committee.

SEC. 3. Payment of transportation costs and ordinary and necessary travel expenses may not be paid under this resolution to the extent that appropriated funds or foreign currencies under section 502(b) of the Mutual Security Act of 1954 are utilized to defray such costs and expenses. Such funds and currencies shall be used to the maximum extent possible.

SEC. 4. For purposes of this resolution—

(1) The term “foreign travel” means travel outside the United States and includes travel within the United States which is the beginning or end of travel outside the United States.

(2) The term “authorized foreign travel” means foreign travel on official business on behalf of the Senate or a committee of the Senate which is authorized—

(A) in the case of foreign travel on behalf of the Senate, by the President pro tempore, Majority Leader, or Minority Leader of the Senate; and

(B) in the case of foreign travel on behalf of a committee of the Senate, by the chairman of that committee.

(3) The term “committee of the Senate” includes all standing, select, and special committees of the Senate and all joint committees of the Congress whose funds are disbursed by the Secretary of the Senate.

(4) The term “employee of the Senate” includes an individual (other than a Member) whose salary is disbursed by the Secretary of the Senate or who is treated as an employee of the Senate for purposes of the Senate Code of Official Conduct.

(5) The term “ordinary and necessary travel expenses” includes, in the case of a group of Members engaged in authorized foreign travel, such special expenses as the chairman (or, if there is no chairman, the ranking Member) deems appropriate, including, to the extent not otherwise provided, reimbursements to any agency of the Government for (A) expenses incurred on behalf of the group, (B) compensation (including overtime) of employees of such agency officially detailed to the group, and (C) expenses incurred in connection with providing appropriate hospitality.

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**106 DOCUMENTATION REQUIRED FOR REIMBURSEMENTS OUT OF
SENATORS’ OFFICIAL OFFICE EXPENSE ACCOUNTS**

Resolved, That (a) no payments or reimbursements for expenses shall be made from the contingent fund of the Senate, unless the vouchers presented for such expenses are accompanied by supporting documentation.

(b) The Committee on Rules and Administration is authorized to promulgate regulations to carry out the purpose of this resolution and to except specific vouchers from the requirements of subsection (a) of this resolution.